

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander
Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff
Rep. Mark W. Walker

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Kiser called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Clark, Rep. Ferry, Rep. King, Rep. Last, Rep. Menlove, and Rep. Shurtliff were absent for the vote.

Mr. Elder distributed and responded to questions about "Open and Public Meetings Act: Key Definitions."

2. Real ID

Colonel Keith Squires, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Public Safety, reported on a meeting of the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council held in May 2008. He said Real ID will create more confidence for law enforcement knowing that state issued documents of identification have gone through a standardized process.

3. Traffic in Construction Areas

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), presented "Minimizing Traffic Congestion Related to Highway Construction." He discussed innovative contracting by UDOT including Accelerated Bridge Construction and 24/7 work days particularly during non-peak hours.

Mr. Njord, Mr. Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, and Mr. Kris Peterson, Director, Construction Materials, UDOT, responded to questions from the Committee.

4. Report: Annual State Highway System Changes

Ms. Linda Hull, Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, UDOT, distributed and reviewed "Proposed Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee, June 18, 2008," and responded to questions from the Committee.

5. Roads and Bridges

Mr. Njord presented "Building and Maintaining Roads and Bridges." Mr. Njord discussed construction techniques and costs and various aspects of pavement management at present and in the future.

Mr. Braceras discussed the challenges of keeping roads in good repair.

Mr. David Creer, Utah Trucking Association, commented on truck only lanes and said that the federal government should look at the suggestion.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Killpack and Rep. Clark, Rep. King, and Rep. Last were absent for the vote.

Chair Kiser adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.